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Therefore, because neither applied patent alone or in combination teaches this claimed concept, claims 1 and 3 and their dependent claims 2 and 4-10 are patentably distinct therefrom.

Independent method claims 11 and 17 similarly define the inventive concept in the steps of "placing an adhesive into the sleeve cavity for being symmetrically shaped thereby" and "curing the adhesive whereby the adhesive, as symmetrically shaped by the cavity, precisely positions the fiber to the chip." Similarly, neither applied patent in combination teaches this claimed concept and, therefore, independent claims 11 and 17 and their dependent claims 12-16 and 18-21 are patentably distinct therefrom.

The non-applied Anderson patent is similarly deficient in teaching the invention as claimed.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1 - 21 and allowance thereof is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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